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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 005222.00333)**

In the Application of: John M. Bergstrom)	
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Application No.: 10/021,917)	Group Art Unit: 3623
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Filed: December 13, 2001)	Examiner: Catherine Michelle Tarac
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For: Stochastic Multiple Choice Knapsack)	Confirmation No.: 2229
Assortment Optimizer)	
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT WITH RCE

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Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Advisory Action dated October 9, 2007. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response from the mailing date of the Final Office Action of July 25, 2007, with a maximum statutory period for reply of six months, thus making this response due on or before October 25, 2007. A petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and the accompanying fee are filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.